



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of:  
**William E. M. Jones et al.**

Application No.: **09/022,336**

Filed: **February 11, 1998**

For: **THE USE OF CATALYSTS IN  
STANDBY VALVE-REGULATED  
LEAD ACID CELLS**

Group Art Unit: **1745**

Examiner: **J. Maples**

Attorney Docket No.:  
**21,583B-USA**

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Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

**Response to Office Action of 6 August 2002**

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This is in response to the office action of 6 August 2002. An extension of time to respond is requested. Applicants have scheduled a personal interview with the examiner on February 18, 2003, 1:00PM to discuss this and other cases.

Please amend the application as set forth below:

In the claims:

Please delete claim 16.

Please add new claim 50 as follows:

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--50. A device in accordance with claim 17 wherein said flame arrestor comprises a ceramic material.--